

REMARKS

This application now contains claims 33 through 65. Claims 1 through 32 are canceled. Favorable consideration is respectfully urged.

The present application was originally prepared in accordance with European practice. Applicants have herein canceled claims 1 through 32, and added claims 33 through 65, which are structured in accordance with U.S. practice. Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment adding claims 33 through 65, is neither narrowing nor made for substantial reasons related to patentability as defined by the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC) in Festo Corporation v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., Ltd., 95-1066 (Fed. Cir. 2000). Therefore, the addition of claims 33 through 65 does not create prosecution history estoppel and, as such, the doctrine of equivalents is available for all of the elements of claims 33 through 65.

Respectfully submitted,

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